

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
No. 5:20-CV-96-D

DORA P. BULLOCK,

Plaintiff,

v.

CREEDMORE NORTH CAROLINA  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER**

On March 12, 2020, plaintiff filed a civil action in this court and paid the \$400 filing fee [D.E. 1]. On October 13, 2020, Magistrate Judge Numbers issued a memorandum and recommendation ("M&R") and recommended that the court deny Bullock's motion for entry of default and grant defendants' motions to dismiss. See [D.E. 26]. On December 16, 2020, plaintiff moved for a refund of the \$400 filing fee [D.E. 27]. On December 23, 2020, this court adopted the conclusions in the M&R, denied as meritless plaintiff's motion for entry of default, granted defendants' motions to dismiss, and directed the clerk to close the case. See [D.E. 28, 29].

Plaintiff chose to file this meritless case. There is no provision in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the rules of this court to permit a refund of the filing fee to a non-prevailing plaintiff. The motion for a refund [D.E. 27] is DENIED.

SO ORDERED. This 8 day of July 2021.

  
JAMES C. DEVER III  
United States District Judge